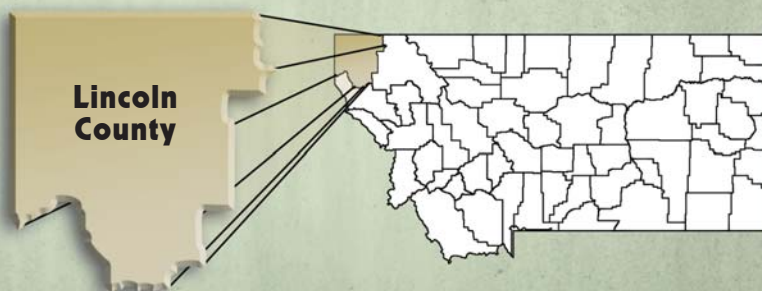


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Lincoln County

Lincoln County, located in the northwest corner of Montana, is the state's tenth most populous county, with an estimated 18,885 residents as of July 1st, 2007. Libby, the county seat, is the state's 27th largest city, with a population estimated at 2,886 in 2007.¹ Other cities and towns in Lincoln County include: Eureka, Fortine, Rexford, Trego, and Troy.

Seventy-six percent of the land in Lincoln County belongs to the Kootenai National Forest. Of Lincoln County's privately owned land, Burlington Northern and Plum Creek Timber are the two major owners, possessing a combined 14%. The remaining private land is individually owned.²

Lincoln County's major industries include Tourism, Recreation, Mining, and Lumber & Wood products. In fact, Lincoln County is the largest producer of wood products in Montana and has the most commercial forest land in the state.³

¹*U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program*

²www.libby.org/homepage/local-links/tour2.html

³www.libbymt.com/community

Resources for Lincoln County

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Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce - P. O. Box 186, Eureka, MT 59917, Ph: (406) 889-4636, www.welcome2eureka.com, E-mail: info@welcome2eureka.com

Libby Chamber of Commerce - P. O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, Ph: (406) 293-4147, Fax: (406) 293-2197, www.libbychamber.org

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Tobacco Valley News - P. O. Box 307, Eureka, MT 59917, Ph: (406) 297-2514, Fax: (406) 297-7807,
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The Western News - P. O. Box 1377, Libby, MT 59923, Ph: (406) 293-4124, E-mail: westnews@libby.org, www.thewesternnews.com

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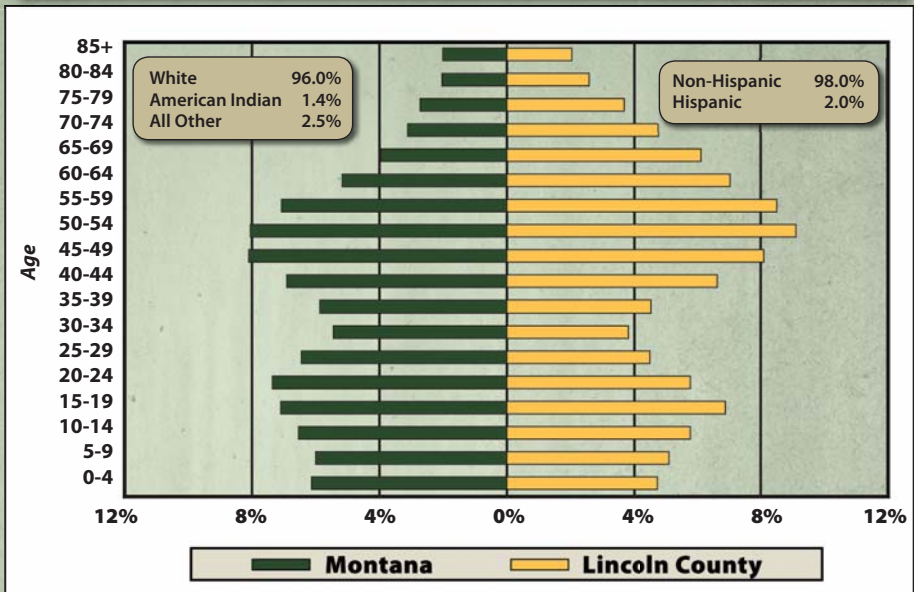
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www.jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/libby

Population for Lincoln County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2007	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	April 1, 2000
Lincoln County	0.3%	18,885	18,661	18,704	18,618	18,581	18,489	18,551	18,837
Eureka town	-0.7%	1,010	999	1,003	998	997	993	998	1,017
Libby city	9.9%	2,886	2,850	2,848	2,853	2,841	2,825	2,841	2,626
Rexford town	0.0%	151	149	150	149	149	148	149	151
Troy city	2.7%	983	964	960	955	955	951	956	957
Balance of Lincoln	-1.6%	13,855	13,699	13,743	13,663	13,639	13,572	13,607	14,086

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lincoln County, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates

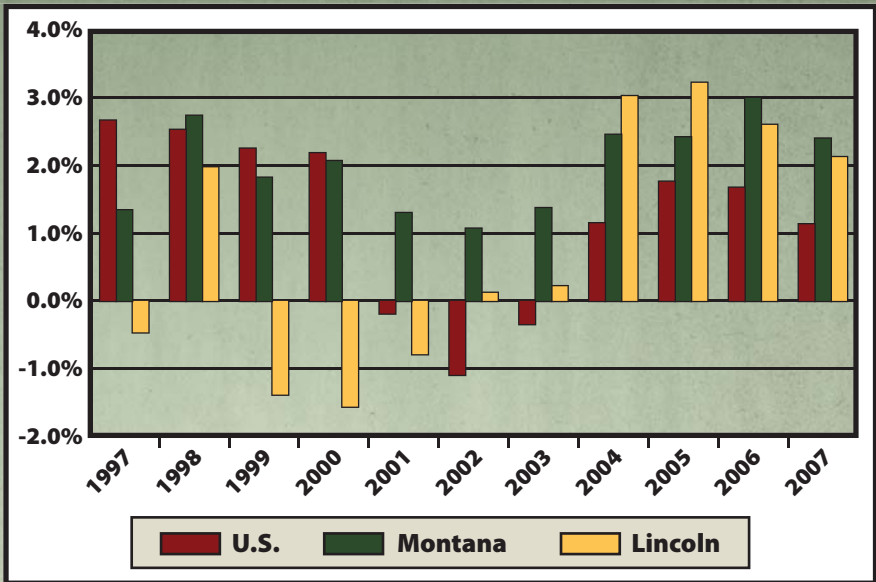
Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lincoln County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	19.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	38.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.2%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	9.4%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.0%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2007

U.S., Montana, and Lincoln County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 15 Private Employers in Lincoln County

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2008 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A Full Life Agency	5	Mountain View Manor	5
Achievements Inc.	5	Plum Creek Timber	5
Environmental Restoration	5	Rosauer's Food & Drug	6
Four Corners Casino & Restaurant	4	St John's Lutheran Hospital	6
Genesis Inc.	6	Stein's IGA	5
Harlow's School Bus Service	5	Town Pump	5
Libby Care Center	5	Venture Motor Inn & Restaurant	4
McDonald's	4		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Lincoln County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	350	310	13%
Land in farms (acres)	51,885	54,236	-4%
Average size of farms (acres)	148	175	-15%
Median size of farms (acres)	50	80	-38%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	344	301	14%
1,000 acres or more	6	9	-33%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	346	308	12%
\$100,000 or more	4	2	100%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	336	294	14%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	14	16	-13%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	2,585	3,160	-18%
Hogs and pigs	51	229	-78%
Sheep and lambs	714	323	121%
Horses and ponies	1,141	1,092	4%
Bison	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)	1,150	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	0	0	NA
Winter wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Spring wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	0	29	NA
Barley for grain	0	(D)	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	7,109	7,344	-3%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	118	150	-21%
Other	232	160	45%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	319	278	15%
Not on farm operated	31	32	-3%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	88	89	-1%
10 years or more	262	221	19%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	133	132	1%
55 years and over	217	178	22%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.5	56.3	4%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	714	5,696	\$28,173
TOTAL PRIVATE	662	4,386	\$24,793
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	56	235	\$37,312
Crop production	1	*	*
Forestry and logging	38	178	\$39,202
Agriculture & forestry support	17	*	*
MINING	8	221	\$46,840
UTILITIES	1	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	112	362	\$29,238
Construction of buildings	44	142	\$24,161
Heavy and civil engineering construction	13	45	\$30,543
Specialty trade contractors	54	176	\$32,991
MANUFACTURING	39	331	\$29,264
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	13	198	\$33,833
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	4	27	\$33,174
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	3	11	\$18,700
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	10	\$16,161
Furniture and related product mfg	9	44	\$20,249
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	14	37	\$24,990
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	8	28	\$24,379
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	3	5	\$20,660
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	4	\$35,724
RETAIL TRADE	99	769	\$18,617
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13	82	\$32,305
Furniture and home furnishings stores	8	27	\$15,358
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	11	79	\$22,521
Food and beverage stores	11	271	\$17,480
Health and personal care stores	6	40	\$21,857
Gasoline stations	13	123	\$13,999
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	6	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	4	18	\$12,447
General merchandise stores	4	47	\$12,841
Miscellaneous store retailers	15	35	\$11,286
Nonstore retailers	8	23	\$28,515
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	26	148	\$25,075
Air transportation	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	19	51	\$31,588
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	4	18	\$27,917
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	11	63	\$28,555
Publishing industries, except Internet	4	15	\$19,850
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	13	\$3,093
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	20	131	\$27,131
Credit intermediation & related activity	9	93	\$27,392
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	3	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	8	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	24	72	\$20,368
Real estate	18	47	\$25,376
Rental and leasing services	6	25	\$10,778
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	36	102	\$26,950
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	3	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	18	97	\$31,594
Administrative and support services	15	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	3	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4	29	\$19,978
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	56	901	\$27,018
Ambulatory health care services	36	350	\$27,544
Hospitals	1	169	\$44,121
Nursing and residential care facilities	3	*	*
Social assistance	16	197	\$14,816
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	24	135	\$15,992
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	9	\$26,447
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	20	126	\$15,253
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	59	521	\$11,500
Accommodation	12	106	\$14,448
Food services and drinking places	46	415	\$10,748
OTHER SERVICES	54	196	\$14,455
Repair and maintenance	18	52	\$22,351
Personal and laundry services	5	14	\$14,686
Membership associations & organizations	27	114	\$9,781
Private households	5	16	\$21,602
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	52	1,310	\$39,494
Local Government	24	744	\$28,305
State Government	9	96	\$41,000
Federal Government	19	470	\$56,886

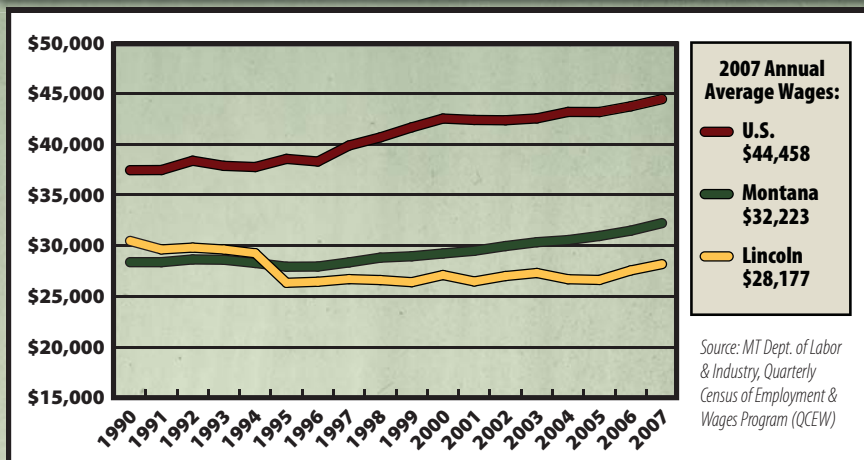
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Annual Average Labor Force - Lincoln County

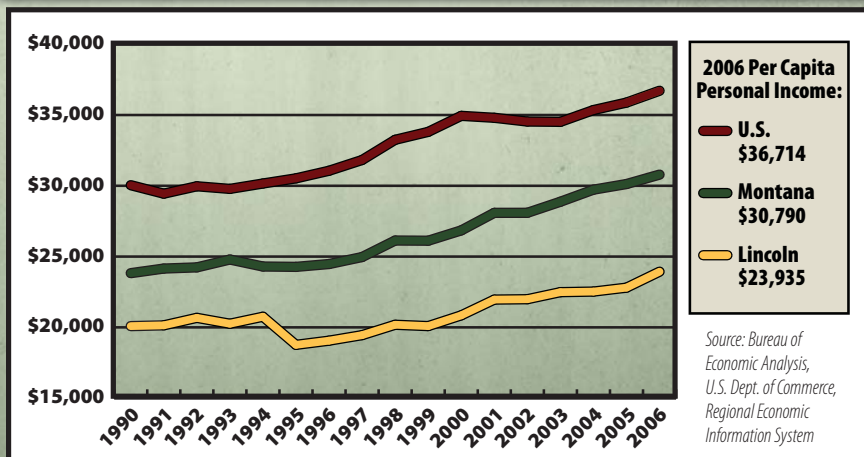
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2007	7,859	7,336	523	6.7%
2006	7,725	7,228	497	6.4%
2005	7,693	7,105	588	7.6%
2004	7,628	6,936	692	9.1%
2003	7,626	6,766	860	11.3%
2002	7,539	6,853	686	9.1%
2001	7,721	7,060	661	8.6%
2000	7,890	7,231	659	8.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2007 (In 2007 Dollars)



Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



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